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TO-DAY'S MATCH

Blackheath's Rugby traditions can be traced back as far as 1860, when they were one of the pioneers of the handling code in the London area. To-day, they visit the Arms Park with those traditions as strong as ever. The Club stands for everything that is best in Rugby Football. So it gives us all much pleasure to welcome our Blackheathen visitors to Wales.

If past experience is anything to judge by then this afternoon's match should be an attractive exhibition of open rugby. Blackheath know full well the value of combined back play, and pride themselves on their ability to emulate the standard of back play among Welsh club sides. Tactical Rugby is not carried to extremes by this most popular of all London clubs. They believe, and quite rightly so, that the Game is for the enjoyment of players and spectators, and particularly the players.

To-day in Dublin, four Cardiff players will be assisting Wales against Ireland. Our congratulations go to Alun Thomas, Gareth Griffiths, Cliff Morgan and Rex Willis. They will be all endeavouring to repeat the sparkling victory of 1952 in the same city, when Wales last won the "Triple Crown." That was a great triumph, particularly for Cliff Morgan, and Welshmen, with typical fervour and patriotism, will doubtless have brought those indispensable portable radio sets with them to the Arms Park to-day so that the Dublin thrills can be heard at the same time as the Blackheath battle is watched.

Last week's game at Rodney Parade, which, as we all know ended in an exciting draw of a try each, has served as an added stimulant for the eagerly awaited fourth match of the season. Newport have not yet beaten Cardiff this season, the first two matches being won by the Arms Park men, and so when the final clash comes at the Arms Park on Wednesday next, a "full house"

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is expected. We would like to congratulate young Leighton Jenkins, the Newport and Caerleon Training College lock forward, on gaining his first Welsh cap in Dublin to-day. He has taken the place of our own Sid Judd, who was originally chosen, but declared unfit.

An interesting point about to-day's game is that Cardiff have two scrum halves on view. Brian Mark will be working the scrum, while Colin Hewitt will be outside him. Because of Cardiff's surfeit of first-class inside halves, Hewitt has been playing in the pivotal position, and making a splendid job of it, too. He is a clever runner with the ball.

After next Wednesday's match against Newport, Cardiff will be absent from the Arms Park for three successive matches. The first of these will be the most important, if not one of the keenest of the season, for at the Gnoll, Neath will be out to show us that they have not forgotten how that brilliant Bleddyn

Williams' try robbed them of the spoils of victory at Cardiff last October.

They drew on that occasion in a tensely exciting game. The return should be none the less thrilling, with good football as its basis. This match takes place on Saturday, March 20. On the following Saturday, the journey is made to Cheltenham, and on the Wednesday after, March 31st, Penarth will be visited. A goodly crowd of Arms Park supporters are expected to pack into the Penarth Athletic Ground for this match, which invariably produces some open, and often spectacular Rugby.

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RUGBY SUPPORTERS' NOTES.

Annual Dinner. The date for the Annual Dinner has been temporarily deferred, but arrangements are in hand to hold it during the month of April. Members will be notified of full details as soon as they are available.

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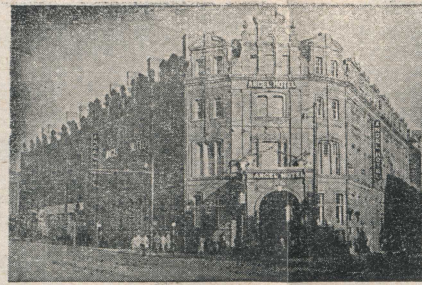
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Forwards

9 D. WELLS

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C. HEWITT 6

B. MARK 7

J. D. EVANS 8

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Neath. Members interested in travelling to Neath on the 20th March, are asked to hand in their names immediately to the Secretary or one of the Committeemen on duty at the Supporters' Box. If there is sufficient support, necessary arrangements will be made to take the party down to Neath. This is urgent as it will be necessary to make arrangements for Stand Tickets well in advance.

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FRANCE v. WALES.

AT CARDIFF ARMS PARK.

27th MARCH, 1954.

Grand Stand Ticket and Enclosure Tickets.

A ballot was held last evening for Grand Stand and Enclosure Tickets. The names of all Grand Stand Season Ticket holders, with the exception of those who drew a ticket in the Wales v. New Zealand or Barbarians v. New Zealand games were included in the ballot. Those successful will be notified by the 16th March, 1954.

Field Tickets.

The number of field tickets available is not sufficient to supply all season ticket holders with a ticket.

A notice will appear in the Press early next week giving details of how season ticket holders should apply for a field ticket.

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1953	Result	1954	Result
	F. A.		F. A.
Sept. 2—Cardiff & District ...	h17—3	Jan. 2—Moseley	a 9—0
„ 5—Cheltenham	h12—3	„ 9—Aberavon	h 8—11
„ 12—Birkenhead Park	h33—3	„ 16—Bath	a29—0
„ 14—Aberavon	a10—0	„ 23—Sale	h31—3
„ 19—Coventry	a12—6	„ 30—	
„ 21—Leicester	a12—3	Feb. 6—Newport	h Post.
„ 26—Pontypool	h21—0	„ 13—London Welsh	h17—11
„ 30—Penarth	h12—3	„ 20—Old Belvedere	a 3—9
		„ 27—Gloucester	h17—5
Oct. 3—Newport	h15—6	Mar. 6—Newport	a 3—3
„ 5—Llanelly	a 3—8	„ 13—Blackheath	h.....
„ 10—Bristol	a 8—3	„ 17—Bristol	h.....
„ 17—Swansea	a 9—11	„ 20—Neath	a.....
„ 24—Neath	h 6—6	„ 27—Cheltenham	a.....
„ 31—Cambridge Univ.	a14—9	„ 31—Penarth	a.....
		April 3—Llanelly	h.....
Nov. 2—Northampton.....	a 9—22	„ 7—Swansea	h.....
„ 7—Oxford University ...	h30—0	„ 10—Pontypool	a.....
„ 14—Newport	a 5—3	„ 17—Barbarians	h.....
„ 21—New Zealand.....	h 8—3	„ 19—Harlequins	h.....
„ 28—Gloucester	a19—3	„ 20—Northampton.....	h.....
		„ 24—Plymouth	a.....
Dec. 2—Combined Services ...	h 9—18	„ 26—Penzance	a.....
„ 12—Harlequins	a11—0	„ 27—St. Ives	a.....
„ 26—Wasps	h12—3	„ 29—Bridgend	a.....
„ 28—Watsonians	h 5—13	May 1—Coventry.....	h.....

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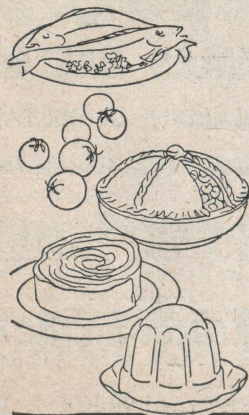
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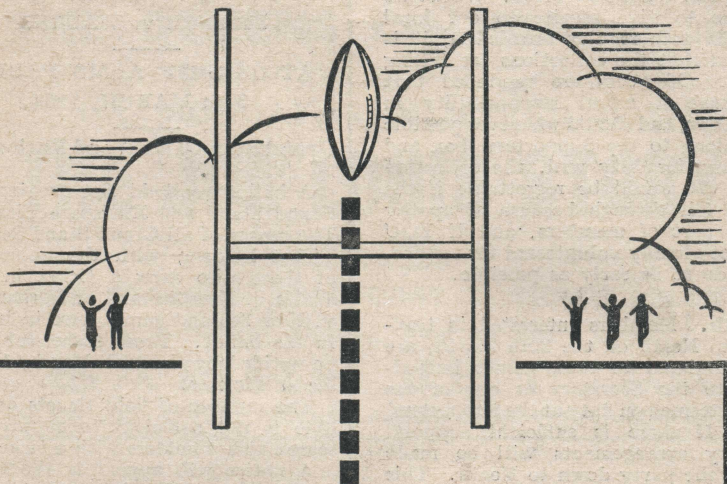
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